

VAUGHAN METROPOLITAN CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE

APRIL 16, 2015

**YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE
CITY-WIDE**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Public Works and the Director of Development Engineering and Infrastructure Planning, recommend:

1. That the presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation staff on the status of rapid transit projects in Vaughan, be received.

Contribution to Sustainability

Higher order transit infrastructure such as the Spadina and Yonge Subway Extension projects and the VivaNext Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transitway will support compact urban form and will offer an alternative mode of transportation to the single occupant vehicle.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Communications Plan

YRRTC has developed a comprehensive communication program for the Highway 7 Bus Rapidway project, which will be overviewed in the presentation.

Purpose

The purpose of this report and associated presentation from York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) staff is to provide Council with the status of the rapid transit projects in Vaughan in light of the recent announcement from the Toronto Transit Commission that the end of 2017 is the earliest achievable date for the opening of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension.

Background - Analysis and Options

The construction of the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) is well underway and the Hwy407 and VMC stations are taking shape. Construction of the first phase of the VivaNext Rapidway in Vaughan, which extends along Highway 7 from Edgeley Boulevard to approximately Bowes Road, has commenced and is scheduled to be completed in 2016. The process to procure a design/build contractor for the second phase of the Highway 7 Rapidway is underway with the goal of starting construction in early 2016. In addition, Metrolinx continues to plan the next wave of The Big Move transit projects including the Yonge subway line north into Vaughan as shown on Attachment 1.

In late March 2015, the Toronto Transit Commission announced that the end of 2017 is the earliest achievable date for the opening of the TYSSE due to construction delays. Accordingly, staff has arranged a presentation from YRRTC staff that will touch on the status of the following high level topic areas:

- Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension – new completion schedule and project coordination

- VivaNext Rapidway Phase 1 (H2-VMC) – Edgeley to Bowes Road – progress of construction
- VivaNext Rapidway Phase 2 (H2) – West of Edgeley and east of Bowes Road – status update
- VMC York Region Transit Bus Terminal – status update
- Metrolinx Next Wave projects – Yonge subway extension
- Business Support program and the community outreach initiatives

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

York Region is responsible for the funding and operation of public conventional and specialized transit services throughout York Region.

Conclusion

The presentation from YRRTC staff will provide a high level update on the status of the key rapid transit projects in Vaughan.

Attachment

1. Rapid Transit Projects in Vaughan

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ATTACHMENT No.1



RAPID TRANSIT PROJECTS IN VAUGHAN